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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ANDREAS WALDER

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For: METHOD OF THE PRODUCTION
OF EXPANDABLE PLASTICS
GRANULATE

Examiner: Staicovici, S.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time from March 19, 2001 to June 19, 2001 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Fee Transmittal sheet.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

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REMARKS

Claims 16-26, 28 and 29 are pending.

Claims 16-26 and 20-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Furthermore, claims 16-17, 19-23 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buckner (U.S. Patent No. 3,751,377) in view of Muirhead et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,372,215). Claims 18 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.

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